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Subject: Antitrust Microsoft settlement

This is to express my opinion about the suits against To continue your efforts against this company's ways of getting over their competition. But saddly, it seems like Microsoft is now getting away too easily from all these lawsuits. I even think that this settlement in which Microsoft have to give away computers and software is not going to give more market shares to anyone but Microsoft. Sure, they pretend that the schools will have the choice to take the money and spend it to buy from others companies, but what are we expecting to happen? They will surely try to push their own products on the line and then, they'll have an even bigger monopoly. (what will happen with alkl those students who will probably only work with Microsoft's products, they will likely continue to use only these...)

And what about this new Windows XP. It's getting worse to use other products when you realise that they try to force you to use their own Windows Media Player, their own MSN Messenger, their own Internet Explorer, etc... over other products more difficult to install because of supposely "security issues".

I think Christian Loweth is right when he says that "It seems to me that Microsoft has indulged in not only anti-trust violations but racketeering as well". and I think this case is not solve. So, if nothing is done, it may be possible that other groups or countries will not continue their efforts against Microsoft in this antimonopoly and antitrust case because it wasn't solve properly.

Thanks for the time you take to read this.

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